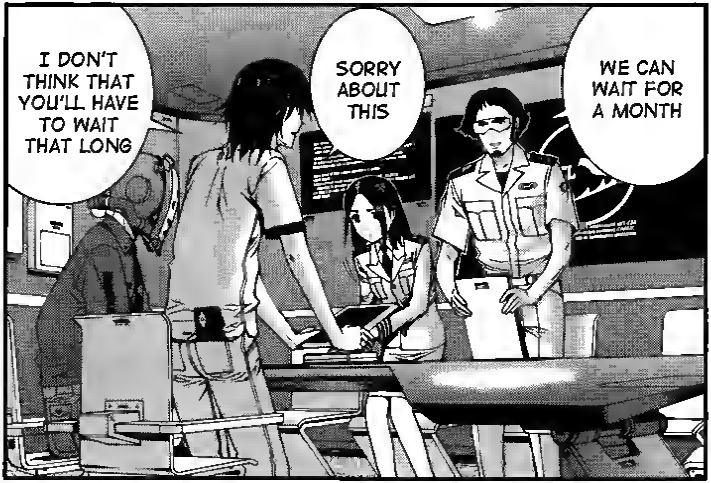
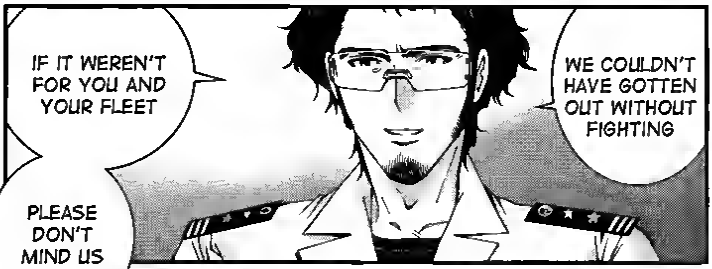
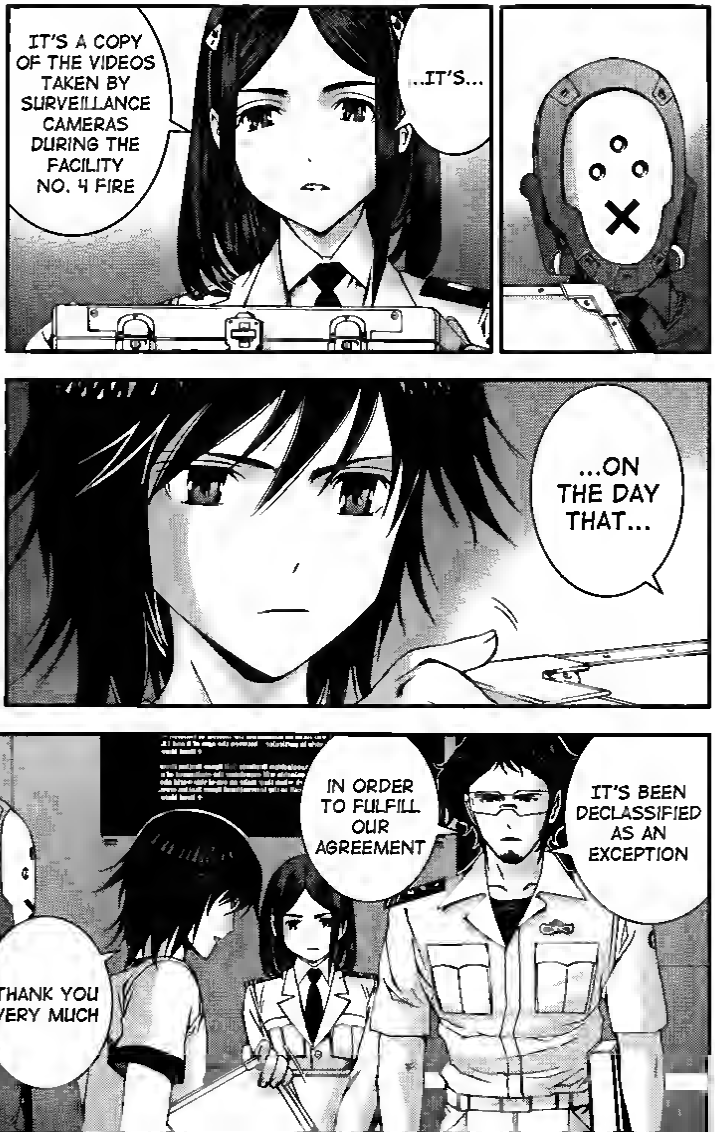
蒼鋼のアルペジオ
ARPEGGIO OF BLUE STEEL
Depth:039
WE'LL WAIT SILENTLY IN THESE WATERS
UNTIL YOUR FLEET RETURNS
Ark Performance


I DON'T THINK THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT THAT LONG
SORRY ABOUT THIS
WE CAN WAIT FOR A MONTH


IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU AND YOUR FLEET
WE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN OUT WITHOUT FIGHTING
PLEASE DON'T MIND US

ALSO..
UNDER-STOOD
WELL, WE'LL BE SETTING SAIL SOON
FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY KAMIKAGE
I GOT THIS
?
WHEN YOU ACCEPTED THIS PLAN
IT'S ONE OF THE CONDITIONS YOU ASKED OF KAMIKAGE

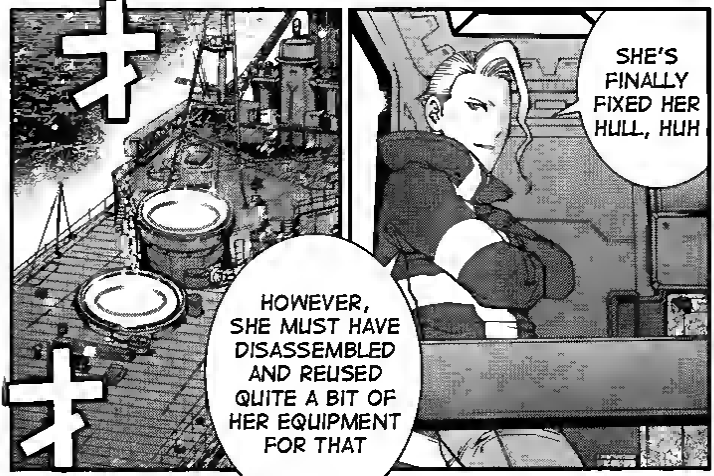

IT'S A COPY OF THE VIDEOS TAKEN BY SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS DURING THE FACILITY NO. 4 FIRE
..IT'S...
...ON THE DAY THAT...
IT'S BEEN DECLASSIFIED AS AN EXCEPTION
IN ORDER TO FULFILL OUR AGREEMENT
THANK YOU VERY MUCH

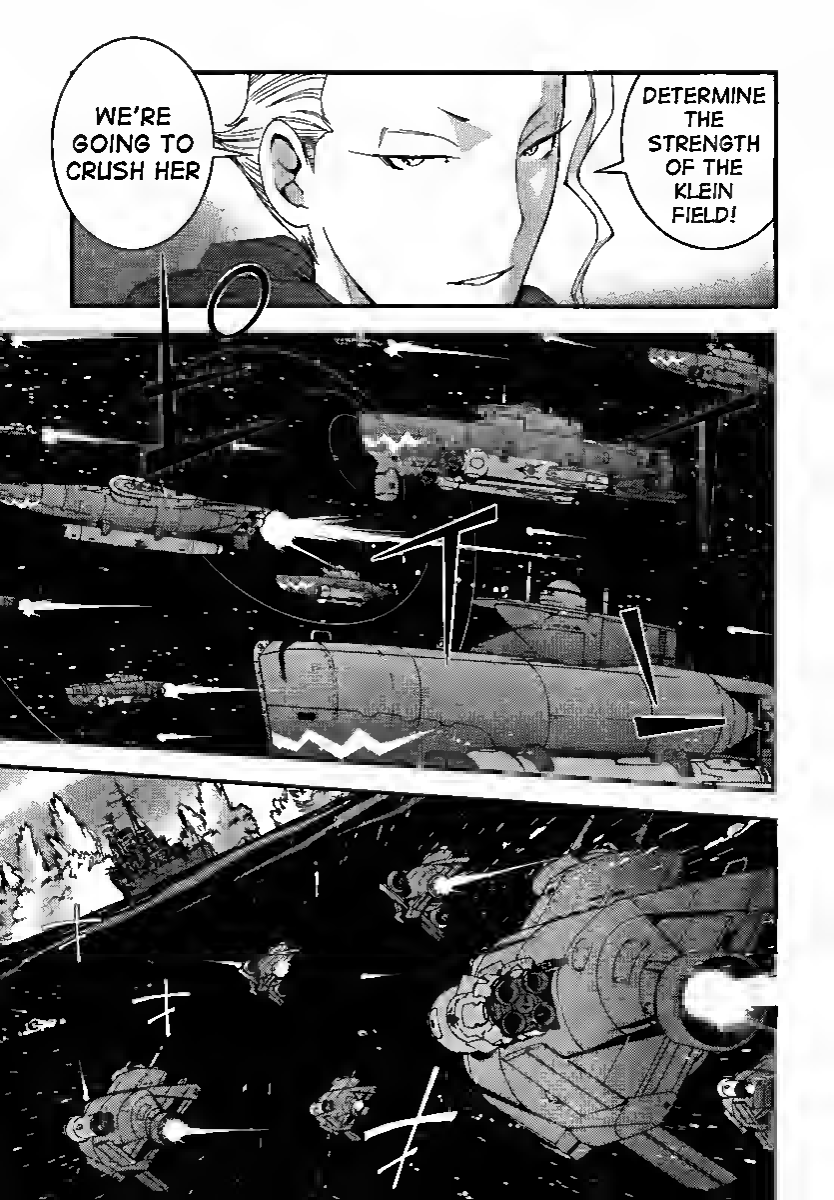
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
...!
LET'S GO BACK TO OUR SHIP, MS. HIBIKI
THEY'RE SETTING SAIL

YES
.....
TCH

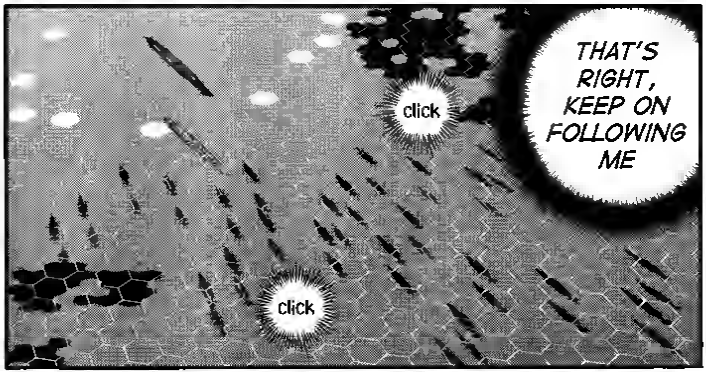
click
click

KLEIN FIELD DETECTED
TAKAO HAS ACTIVATED HER WAVE ARMOR


SHE'S FINALLY FIXED HER HULL, HUH
HOWEVER, SHE MUST HAVE DISASSEMBLED AND REUSED QUITE A BIT OF HER EQUIPMENT FOR THAT


WE'RE GOING TO CRUSH HER
DETERMINE THE STRENGTH OF THE KLEIN FIELD!

click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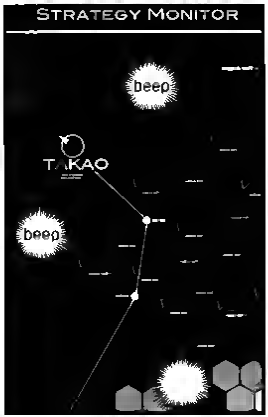
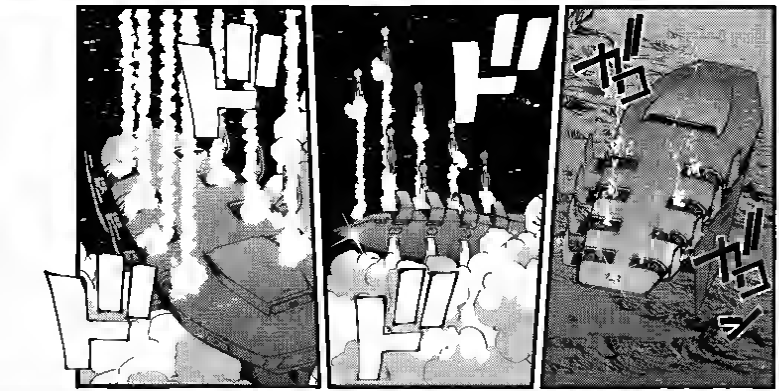
THAT'S RIGHT, KEEP ON FOLLOWING ME

THESE MOVE-MENTS...
WAIT


STRATEGY MONITOR
beep
TAKAO
beep

FOR YOU TO DODGE THIS NOW!
IT'S TOO LATE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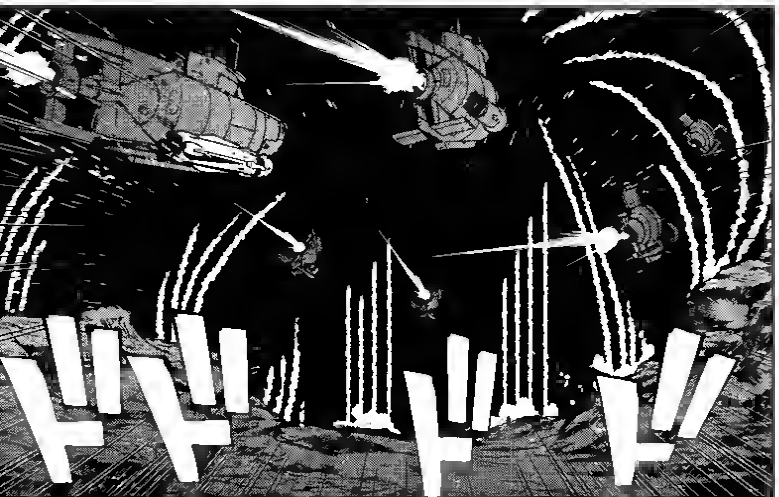

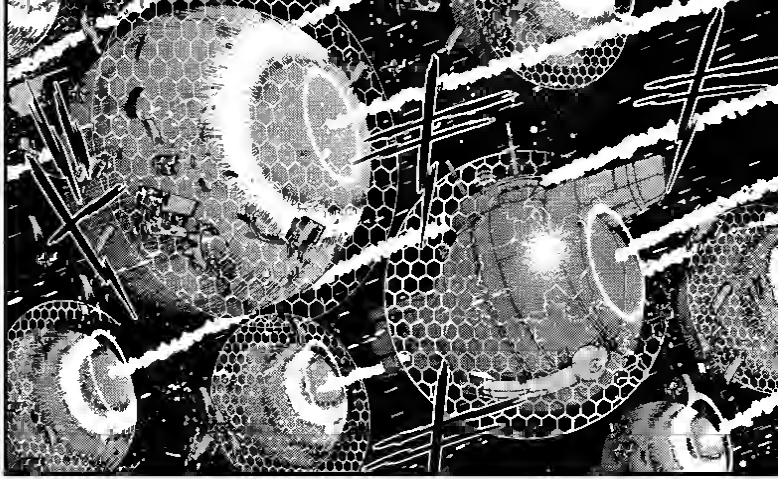

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HOMING TORPE-DOES...

CAN YOU PLOT TAKAO'S LOCATION?
FRAN-CETTE
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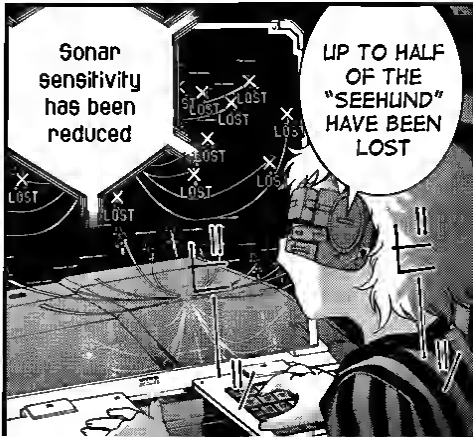
Sonar sensitivity has been reduced
UP TO HALF OF THE "SEEHUND" HAVE BEEN LOST
LOST
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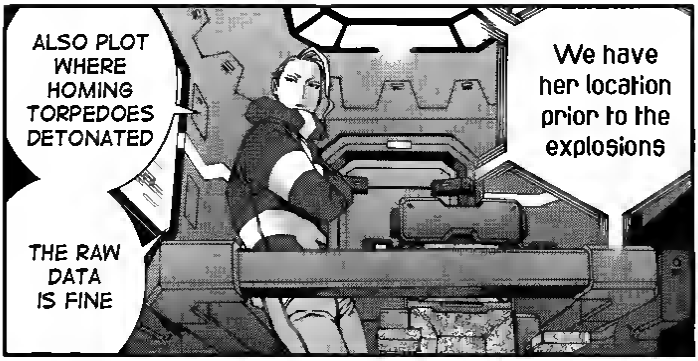
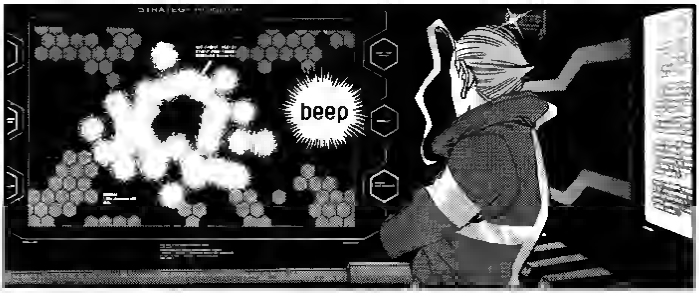
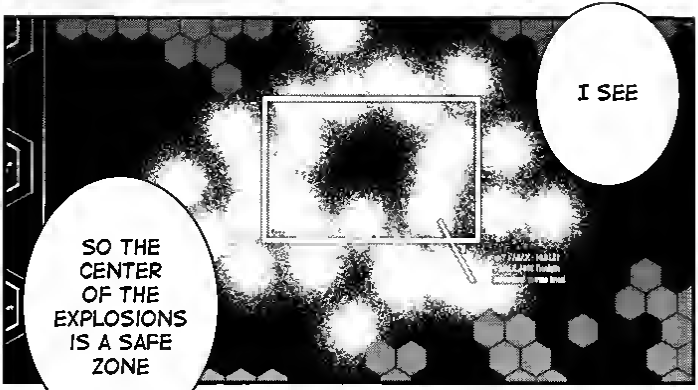
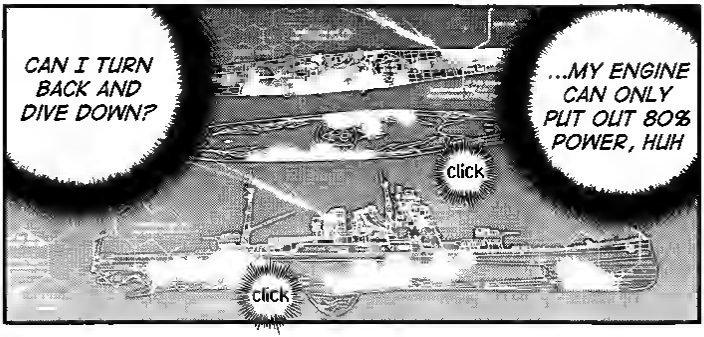

ALSO PLOT WHERE HOMING TORPEDOES DETONATED
We have her location prior to the explosions
THE RAW DATA IS FINE

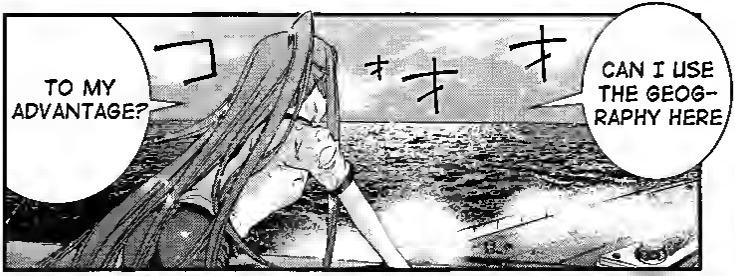

beep


I SEE
SO THE CENTER OF THE EXPLOSIONS IS A SAFE ZONE

ROMUALD
LAUNCH ALL TORPEDOES IN A FAN
WITH 8-DEGREE SPACINGS AT THE SURFACE OF THAT POINT
LAUNCH PANEL
TUBE 1
TUBE 2
TUBE 3
TUBE 4
TUBE 5
TUBE 6
beep
FIVE SECONDS LATER, LAUNCH TWO GUIDED TORPEDOES AFTER TAKAO'S ENGINE SOUND
THEN, LAUNCH WHATEVER WE HAVE IN ALL TUBES, AND RELOAD...
AYE AYE
IF WE CAN'T HEAR HER, THEN SHE CAN'T HEAR US
WE'LL MAKE HER PAY US BACK FOR THE "SEEHUND"

DID I GO OVER-BOARD?
SHIT... I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING BECAUSE OF THE EXPLOSIONS
I'VE ALWAYS HAD THE BAD HABIT OF PUTTING FIREPOWER FIRST...
I SHOULD'VE MADE MORE SONOBUOYS
ENGINE, START
THEY'RE PROBABLY COMING AFTER ME


CAN I TURN BACK AND DIVE DOWN?
...MY ENGINE CAN ONLY PUT OUT 80% POWER, HUH
click
click


TO MY ADVANTAGE?
CAN I USE THE GEOG-RAPHY HERE

THAT WAS CLOSE...
I KNEW IT

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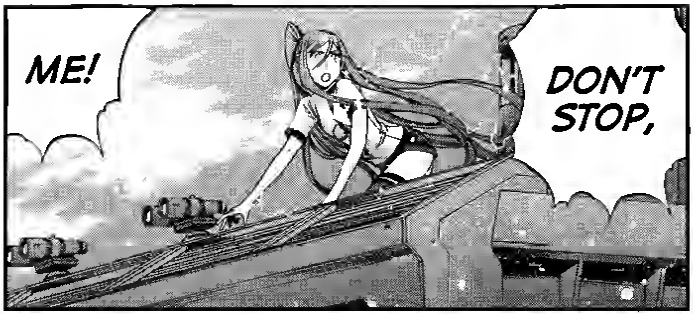
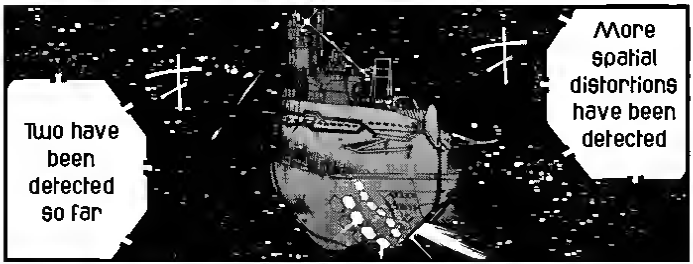
I JUST FIXED THAT
GOOD GRIEF!

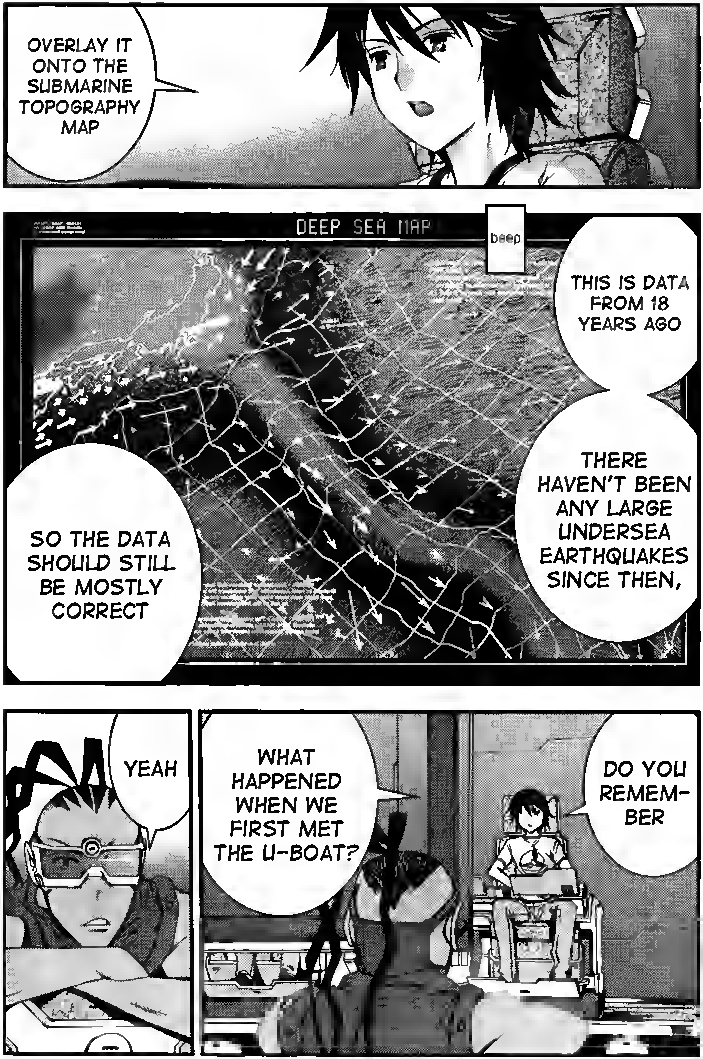

ME!
DON'T STOP,


Two have been detected so far
More spatial distortions have been detected

beep
beep
beep
NO, ONE MORE HAS BEEN DETECTED, SO THREE

BEEN HIT BY AT LEAST FOUR CORROSIVE TORPEDOES
I THINK BY NOW TAKAO MUST HAVE
STILL NOT GETTING ANYTHING ON THE JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK
HER KLEIN FIELD MUST BE AT ITS LIMIT
OUR PLAN WON'T WORK IF THEY FIND US
NO, IT'S FINE
SHOULD WE SPEED UP?
CAPTAIN

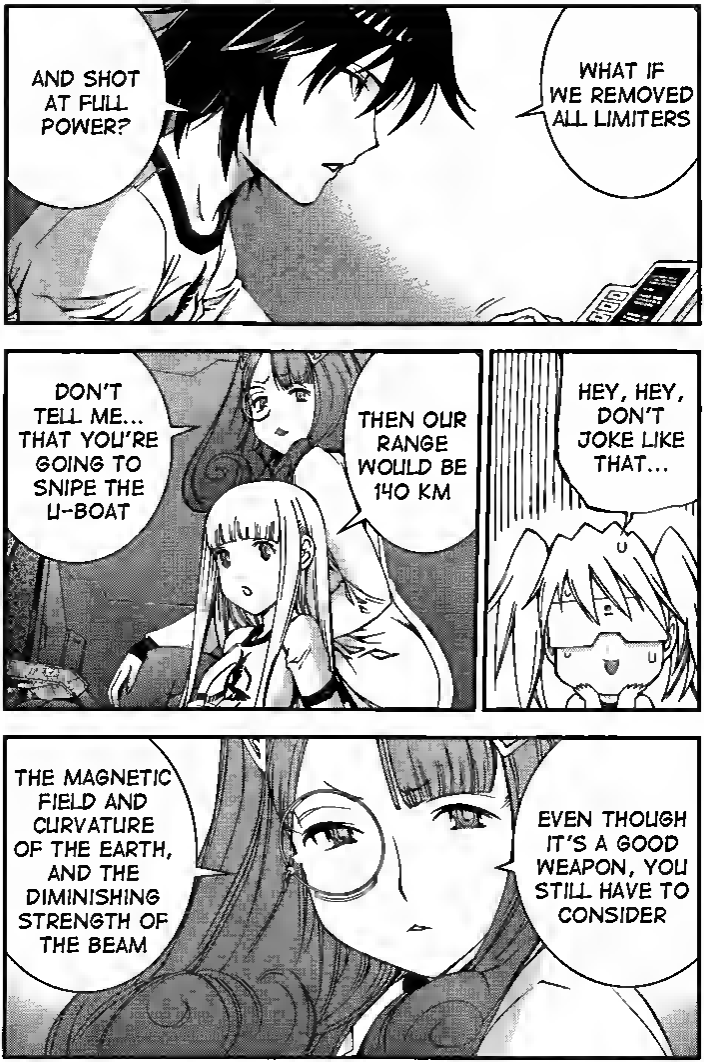
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM
NO
BUT DO YOU THINK THAT TAKAO WILL HOLD OUT BY THE TIME WE GET THERE?
?
THIS IS AN ANALYSIS OF THE WATER TEMPERATURE DATA FROM WEATHER SATELLITES
AND THE ECHO DATA FROM OUR SONARS
UNDER-STOOD
THIS IS OUR BEST GUESS
PULL UP A CURRENT MAP OF WHERE TAKAO AND THE U-BOAT IS FIGHTING


OVERLAY IT ONTO THE SUBMARINE TOPOGRAPHY MAP
DEEP SEA MAP
beep
THIS IS DATA FROM 18 YEARS AGO
THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY LARGE UNDERSEA EARTHQUAKES SINCE THEN,
SO THE DATA SHOULD STILL BE MOSTLY CORRECT
YEAH
WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WE FIRST MET THE U-BOAT?
DO YOU REMEM-BER

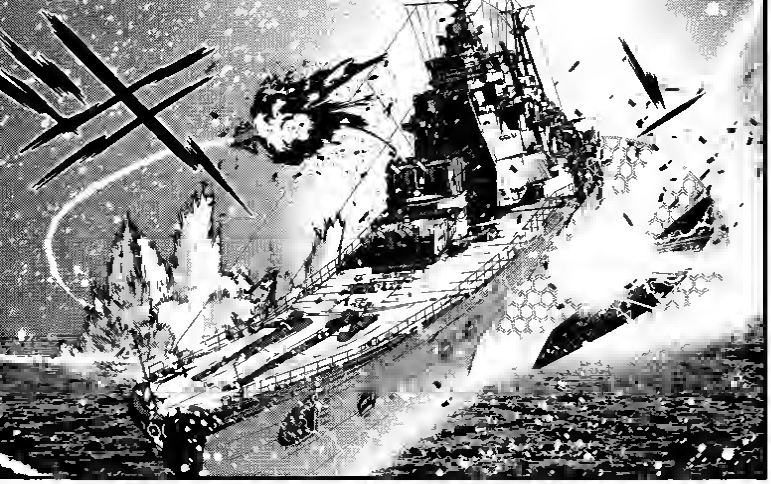
AND FIRED THE FIRST SHOT AT US, RIGHT?
THEY PREDICTED WHERE WE WOULD BE
THEY SHOT AT WHERE THEY THOUGHT WE WOULD BE
THAT'S RIGHT...
THEY DIDN'T FIND US
WHAT I, THE CAPTAIN, WOULD DO
IN OTHER WORDS,
THEY PREDICT WHAT WE...

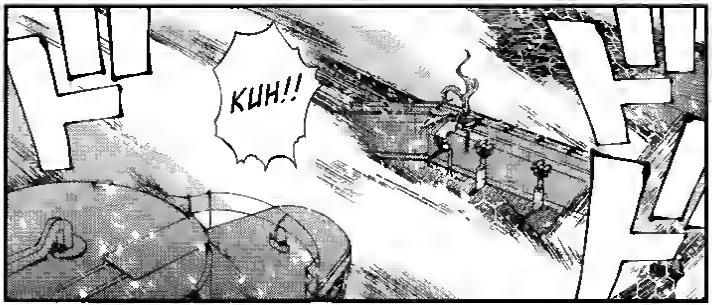
AND GAVE THEM THAT U-BOAT
SOMEONE TAUGHT THEM HOW TO PREDICT WHAT I WOULD DO
THIS MEANS THAT
U-2501
I SEE
WE CAN EXPLOIT THAT FACT
THEY BASE THEIR TACTICS OFF OF THAT
IONA
HM?
TO PREDICT WHAT THEY'LL DO

WHAT'S THE RANGE OF THE NEW SUPERHEAVY CANNON?
THEN, HOW FAR WILL IT GO WITH THE ENGINE AT FULL POWER?
HEY, HEY, NOT THAT AGAIN
If we put all of our energy into it, we can shoot a 1-meter beam with a 100-km range
SUPERHEAVY CANNONS HAVE NO RANGE
IT'S A GRAVITON WEAPON
IT'LL KEEP GOING AS LONG AS I PROVIDE IT ENERGY

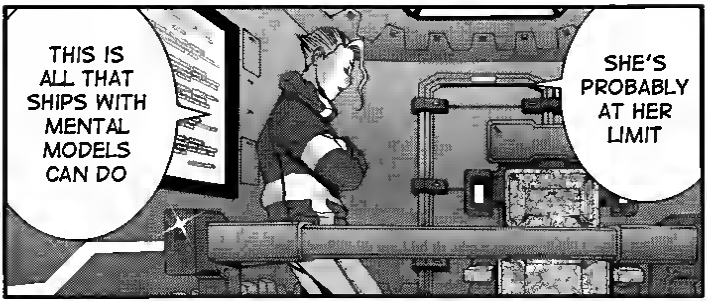

WHAT IF WE REMOVED ALL LIMITERS
AND SHOT AT FULL POWER?
HEY, HEY, DON'T JOKE LIKE THAT...
THEN OUR RANGE WOULD BE 140 KM
DON'T TELL ME... THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SNIPE THE U-BOAT
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A GOOD WEAPON, YOU STILL HAVE TO CONSIDER
THE MAGNETIC FIELD AND CURVATURE OF THE EARTH, AND THE DIMINISHING STRENGTH OF THE BEAM

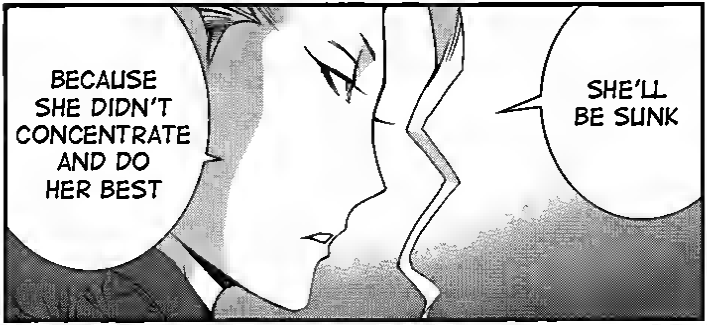
I HAVE AN IDEA
.....
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO SNIPE A MOVING TARGET
FROM THIS DIS-TANCE
CAP-TAIN!
IDEA...?
ANOTHER ONE... AND TAKAO'S ENGINE...

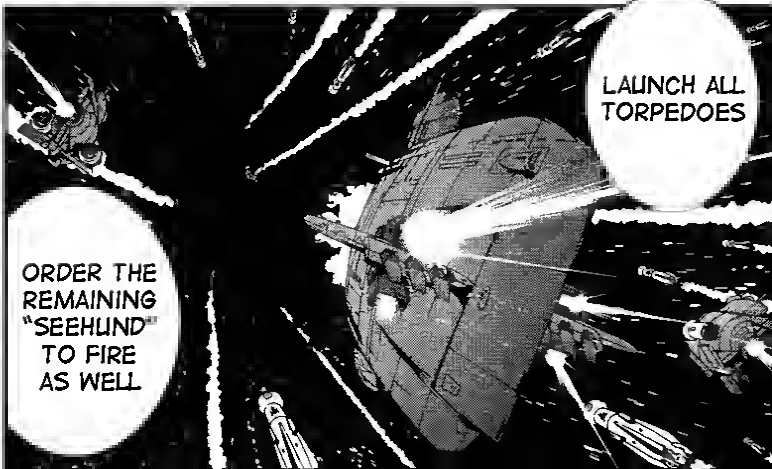



KUH!!

FIELD... LOST...
RECOVERY IS IMPOS-SIBLE...


THIS IS ALL THAT SHIPS WITH MENTAL MODELS CAN DO
SHE'S PROBABLY AT HER LIMIT


BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T CONCENTRATE AND DO HER BEST
SHE'LL BE SUNK


LAUNCH ALL TORPEDOES
ORDER THE REMAINING "SEEHUND" TO FIRE AS WELL

ENGINE HAS BEEN HIT... POWER AT 34%
...SO THIS IS THE END ...FOR ME
I couldn't complete the mission...
Sorry, captain
DID I USE MY MENTAL MODEL WELL...

IF ONLY I WAS ABLE TO
USE MY SUPERHEAVY CANNON
THEN,
I'LL LET YOU USE IT

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO,
BUT GIVE ME THE CONTROL CODES TO THE DUMMY
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT FOR YOU
...402

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
HURRY UP
YOUR HULL
ISN'T GONNA LAST FOR MUCH LONGER
An angel (or devil) descends upon Takao, who's at her limit...!?
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